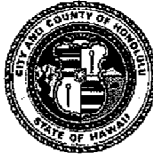


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Dear Mr. Akana:

Subject: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project
Comments Received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project. This letter is in response to substantive comments received on the Draft EIS during the comment period, which concluded on February 6, 2009. The Final EIS identifies the Airport Alternative as the Project and is the focus of this document. The selection of the Airport Alternative as the Preferred Alternative was made by the City to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations that state that the Final EIS should focus on the Preferred Alternative (23 C.F.R. § 771.125 (a)(1)). This selection was based on consideration of the benefits of each alternative studied in the Draft EIS, public and agency comments on the Draft EIS, and City Council action under Resolution 08-261 identifying the Airport Alternative as the Project to be the focus of the Final EIS. The selection is described in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS. The Final EIS also includes additional information and analyses, as well as minor revisions to the Project that were made to address comments received from agencies and the public on the Draft EIS. The following paragraph addresses comments regarding the above-referenced submittal:

The City is coordinating with HDOT Airport Operations and the FAA Honolulu office to ensure the design of the Project is consistent with flight operation requirements for run ways 22L/4R and 22R/4L. The Lagoon Drive Station location has been moved approximately 1000 feet west from what was shown in the Draft EIS to avoid the Runway Protection Zones, and the City has agreed to participate in the relocation of Runway 22R/4L approximately 750 feet makai. The City will continue to coordinate with HDOT and FAA to ensure the Project is consistent with the Airport Master Plan and flight operation requirements.

The FTA and DTS appreciate your interest in the Project. The Final EIS, a copy of which is included in the enclosed DVD, has been issued in conjunction with the distribution of this letter. Issuance of the Record of Decision under NEPA and acceptance of the Final EIS by the Governor of the State of Hawaii are the next anticipated actions and will conclude the environmental review process for this Project.

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Very truly yours,

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Enclosure
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